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## *Bob Considine* *1906-1975*

### **The Beginnings**

Bob Considine, prolific author of books, columns, articles, screenplays, and scripts had that unique flair for the descriptive word . . . reading Bob was like talking with the fellow next door. A tennis champion in the Washington, D. C. area in the 1920s he began writing a weekly column on tennis for the *Washington Post*. The editor, liking the young writer, employed him as a general reporter in 1931. Two years later the *Washington Herald* hired him as their sports editor and feature writer, and as Bob said in his autobiography, "My first act of office as sports editor was vainglorious. I assigned myself the task of writing a daily column."

That column, "On the Line," brought him nationwide attention. In 1936 he began a personal and professional relationship with William Randolph Hearst, Sr., that lasted a lifetime.

### **The Newspaperman's Newspaperman**

As a war correspondent during World War II, Bob traveled from North Africa to the European Theater, to the Pacific, to the China-Burma-India Theater. Later, he covered Korea for INS, and in 1952 scored a spectacular scoop on the Eisenhower-MacArthur discussion of the Korean War settlement.

l. to r., Toots Shor, Bob Considine, Frank Gifford



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With W. R. Hearst, Jr., and the late Frank Conniff, he was granted an exclusive interview with Nikita Khrushchev in Moscow in 1957. For their story, the three journalists won the Overseas Press Club Award for the best reporting from abroad.

Bob covered such major figures as Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon. During 1975, his interview with President Ford ran page one of *The New York Times*.

Not only was Bob a friend of kings, generals, diplomats, sports figures, and presidents, but he had a deep and sincere interest in all persons he met. Thousands of people around the world thought of Bob Considine as a close friend. He remembered their first names, too, as readily as those of world leaders.

As guest of honor at the Overseas Press Club on September 18, 1975, four nights before his fatal stroke, he told the "Old Pro Night" gathering, "Call it vanity, call it arrogant presumption, call it what you wish, but I would grope for the nearest open grave if I had no newspaper or wire service to work for, no need to search for and sometimes find the winged word that just fits, no keen wonder over what each unfolding day may bring. Besides it's better than working for a living."



**Books by Considine**

Just a few of the 24 books authored  
or coauthored by Bob Considine are:

*Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo*

*The Babe Ruth Story* (with  
Babe Ruth)

*Ask Me Anything: Our Adventures  
with Khrushchev* (with W. R.  
Hearst, Jr., and Frank Conniff)

*Toots*

*The Remarkable Life of Dr.*

*Armand Hammer*

*Ripley, The Modern Marco Polo*



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### The Kind of Man He Was

"Bob Considine was a great reporter—one of the greatest. The quality and scope of his writing, his personal courage and his outstanding character—all made him a superstar long before the term was ever used."

—Gerald R. Ford

"He was a war correspondent, a political reporter, a columnist, and author, a broadcaster, and one of the most prolific men ever to sit at a typewriter."

—John Chancellor

"There never was a finer man—a stauncher friend—a more deeply religious man or better reporter than Bob Considine."

—W. R. Hearst, Jr.

"Bob would swoop in hours before the bell for the first round, tear off 1,000 words at ringside, fit in an interview with President Ferdinand E. Marcos on the state of his new society, and buzz off to China to check on Chairman Mao's health. By the time the rest of us had completed post-fight interviews, he would be back in Toots Shor's with a martini in his fist."

—Red Smith

"For many journalists of this century who knew him and his works, he was the head man. He was a humanitarian and few knew it. On news stories around the country or the world, Considine was the man who helped out young reporters who were not as well grounded on stories as he. When he gave a party, he always invited the copy boys first."

—H.D. "Doc" Quigg

### **The Bob Considine Scholarship Fund**

In memory of Bob Considine, a committee of his colleagues and associates are gathering funds to establish a permanently endowed memorial scholarship fund, to enable students to start careers in journalism.

All assets contributed will be invested and only the earned interest of the endowment will be used, thus insuring the perpetuity of the scholarship fund.

Ohio University, the oldest university in the states formed from the old Northwest Territory, has a long tradition of encouraging scholarship. Its College of Communication is recognized for its outstanding programs in the schools of Journalism, Radio-Television, Interpersonal Communication, and Hearing and Speech Sciences.

The College of Communication and School of Journalism have been approved by Mrs. Considine and the committee to maintain the fund. The dean of the college, John Wilhelm, friend of Bob Considine and former president of the Overseas Press Club, will serve as fund overseer and coordinator.

#### **Award Guidelines**

A full, annual scholarship will be awarded at Ohio University to a student who has completed the junior year. The student's academic record will be outstanding, indicating a high potential for future success in a career in journalism.

In the event there are sufficient funds to endow two full scholarships, the second will provide for a Bob Considine Internship in Ohio University's unique foreign correspondence program. This special field of journalism identifies closely with Bob's own career in an area where he recorded major achievements.

The awardee(s) will be selected by a committee consisting of the dean of the College of Communication, the director of the School of Journalism, and the representative chairman of The Bob Considine Scholarship Fund Committee.

The annual awards will be given prominence each year at the annual Ohio University Journalism Banquet, and public announcements will be provided by the school in addition to those issued by the committee.

The first award will be announced at the Ohio University Journalism Banquet in May, 1976.

All contributions to The Bob Considine Scholarship Fund will be individually acknowledged and receipted for full tax deduction privileges. Contributors' names will be appropriately listed and prominently displayed on the Ohio University campus.

The Ohio University Fund, Inc. will prepare periodic progress reports for the committee and Mrs. Considine.

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